

APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT OF AUGUST 6, 2001

Amendments to the Specification:

Page 1, lines 2-4, as follows:

This application is a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 08/877,375, filed June 17, 1997; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application [Serial No.] no. 08/719,651, filed September 25, 1996, now U.S. patent no. 5,674,128; which in turn is a continuation of U.S. patent application no. 08/391,509, filed February 21, 1995, now abandoned. [the] The contents of all the aforesaid applications [which] are hereby incorporated by reference.

Pages 2-3, after the heading "Summary of the Invention," replace all paragraphs on these pages with the following new paragraphs:

--Systems and methods consistent with the present invention allow a player to play a game of chance. The system may include a plurality of game terminals and a central controller connected to each of the plurality of game terminals. Each game terminal may include means for receiving a game choice (e.g., a selection of predetermined numbers, colors, and/or symbols) and a wager amount for a game from a player, means for determining the result of the game, and means for transmitting game information {e.g., result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and/or a time) after each game for which the wager amount was received. The central controller may include means for receiving, from the game terminals, the transmitted game information after each game for which the wager amount was received.

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The game terminal may further include means for receiving player identification information from the player. In addition, game terminals may or may not accept coins or bills. Moreover, the central controller may further include means for adjusting player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

The invention also includes a method of operating games in a system that includes a plurality of player terminals and a central controller. One of the plurality of game terminals may receive a game choice and a wager amount for a game from a player. The result of the game may be determined. Then, the game terminal may transmit game information (e.g., result of the game, the wager amount, player's updated account balance, a game terminal number, a game type code, a game number, a date, and/or a time) to the central controller after each game for which the wager amount was received. The central controller may in turn adjust player account information of the player after each game according to the result of the game for which the wager amount was received.

Both the foregoing general description and the following detailed description are exemplary and explanatory, and intended to provide further explanation of the claimed invention.--

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